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APPENDIX H

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating he civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

APPENDIX F

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA—DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 221 Blunston Avenue, Collingdale, Pennsylvania 19023 Address of Defendant: One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215 Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 221 Blunston Avenue, Collingdale, Pennsylvania 19023 Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes  $\square$  No X Yes □ No X Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_ Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes □ No X 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year Yes □ No X previously terminated action in this court? CIVIL: (Place ✓ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: A. Federal Question Cases: 1. X Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 1. 

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FELA 3. □ Assault, Defamation 3. □ Jones Act-Personal Injury 4. □ Marine Personal Injury 4. □ Antitrust 5. □ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 5. □ Patent 6. □ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 6. □ Labor-Management Relations 7. □ Products Liability 7. □ Civil Rights 8. □ Products Liability — Asbestos 8. □ Habeas Corpus 9. □ All other Diversity Cases (Please specify) 9. □ Securities Act(s) Cases 10. □ Social Security Review Cases 11. □ All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check appropriate Category) \_\_, counsel of record do hereby certify: ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the claimed damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. **56396** Attorney I.D. # Pamela A. Carlos DATE:\_\_ 03/25/15\_\_\_\_ Attorney I.D.# Attorney-at-Law NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated Pamila A. Carlos action in this court except as noted above. Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire DATE: 03/25/15 Attorney I.D.# Attorney-at-Law

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APPENDIX I

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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(215) 665-331	(215)561-666	Carlos@bbs-law.com	
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### NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION

AND NOW, comes defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company (hereinafter "Nationwide" or "defendant") for the purpose only of removing the case to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and respectfully avers as follows:

FROM STATE COURT

- 1. This is a civil action filed and now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, February Term, 2015, Docket No. 1680.
- 2. Said action was commenced on or about February 12, 2015 when plaintiff filed a Complaint. The Complaint was served on Nationwide on or about February 23, 2015. A true and correct copy of plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 3. The averments made herein are true and correct with respect to the date and time upon which suit was commenced and the date upon which this notice is being filed.
- 4. This suit is of a civil nature and involves a controversy between citizens of different states. Plaintiff is an individual who is now, and was at the time plaintiff commenced this action, a citizen of this Commonwealth. Defendant, Nationwide, is now and was at the time plaintiff commenced this civil action and filed his complaint, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio and with its principal place of business at One Nationwide Plaza in Columbus, Ohio.
- 5. Defendant, Nationwide, has simultaneously with the filing of this notice, given written notice to the plaintiffs.

- 6. Defendant, Nationwide, is also filing a copy of the instant notice of removal and all attachments thereto with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.
- 7. The Complaint asserts breach of contract and bad faith pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8371. The amount in controversy is listed as to each count of the Complaint as being not in excess of \$50,000.1
- 8. In her bad faith claim, pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8371, plaintiff seeks in addition to compensatory damages, interest upon the amount of the contract claim against defendant at prime rate plus three percent, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs.
- 9. Defendant seeks to remove this matter to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Defendant asserts that the amount in controversy in this matter exceeds \$75,000. As the moving party, defendant bears the burden of proving that jurisdiction is proper in federal court. Russ vs. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 961 F.Supp. 808, 810 (E.D. Pa. 1997).
- 10. In determining whether the jurisdiction amount has been satisfied, the Court must first look at the Complaint. Angus vs. Shiley, Inc., 989 F.2d 142, 145 (3rd Circ. 1993).
- 11. The underlying lawsuit as alleged in the Complaint arises out of defendant's handling of a property damage claim to plaintiff's property located at 221 Blunston Avenue in Collingdale, Pennsylvania for a loss that occurred on or about February 15, 2014.
- 12. There is no specific assertion as to the amount in controversy set forth in plaintiff's complaint. However, under each count of the complaint, plaintiff avers that the damages are not in excess of \$50,000. Moreover, plaintiff has attached to her complaint an estimate of alleged damages totaling approximately \$35,493.40. See Exhibit "A".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defense counsel inquired with plaintiff's counsel as to whether plaintiff would be willing to stipulate to capping damages at \$75,000 to avoid removal. Plaintiff's counsel stated he was unable to cap damages in this matter.

- 13. With reference to her bad faith claim pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A.§8371, plaintiff also pleads damages not in excess of \$50,000, and alleges that he will seek attorney's fees. Attorney's fees must also be included in determining the amount in controversy. Neff vs. General Motors Corp., 163 F.R.D. 478, 482 (E.D. Pa. 1995). It would not be unreasonable to expect that over the course of an approximate six month litigation, counsel could incur costs and fees in an amount approaching \$10,000.
- In addition, it is anticipated that plaintiff will also seek punitive damages pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8371. Whether both actual and punitive damages are recoverable, punitive damages are properly considered in determining whether the jurisdictional amount has been satisfied. Bell vs. Preferred Life Assurance Soc'y, 320 U.S. 238, 240, 88 L. Ed. 15, 64 S. Ct. 5 (1943). The contractual amount in controversy alleged in the Complaint is not in excess of \$50,000 based on the allegations in the Complaint, however, coupled with estimated reasonable attorneys' fees, and if plaintiff is able to sustain a finding of bad faith, although the propriety of same is disputed by moving defendant, it is not unreasonable to expect that a punitive damage award five or six times the amount in controversy could be rendered by the trier of fact.

WHEREFORE, defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company hereby removes this suit to this Honorable Court pursuant to the laws of the United States in such cases made and provided.

By: PAC2642 Parula A. Carlos
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INSURANCE COMPANY

NO.

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO: Scott Gallant, Esquire
David Berghstrahl, Esquire
Gallant & Parlow, P.C.
One Penn Center, Suite 1270
1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19103

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company has filed in this Court a verified Notice for Removal of the State Court action, <u>Karen Davis vs. Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company</u>, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, at docket number February Term, 2014, No. 1680.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a certified copy of the Notice of Removal will be filed with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §1446(f), the State action is now removed to this Court. The State Court has no further jurisdiction over this action and you should proceed no further in that Court or under its authority.

BY: Papula A Carlos

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**DATE:** 03/25/15

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# DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION OF FILING OF COPY OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL WITH STATE COURT

Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is a member with the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg LLC, attorneys for defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

That she did direct the filing with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County a copy of the Notice of Removal, attached hereto, said filing to be made on March 25, 2015.

BY: Pamila A Carlos

PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE

Attorney for defendant

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>25th</u> day

NOTARY PUBLIC

of March, 2015.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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NOTARIAL SEAL DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public City of Philadelphia, Phila. County My Commission Expires October 24, 2017

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is an attorney with the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg LLC, attorneys for defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company and that she certifies that a true and correct copy of this Removal Petition was filed electronically and is available for viewing and downloading from the Electronic Case filing system which constitutes service upon the following counsel of record:

Scott Gallant, Esquire
David Berghstrahl, Esquire
Gallant & Parlow, P.C.
One Penn Center, Suite 1270
1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19103

BY: Pamela A. Carlos

PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Defendant

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

1601 Market Street, 16th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 665-3353

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>25th</u> day of March, 2015.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL
DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public
City of Philadelphia, Phila. County
My Commission Expires October 24, 2017

**AFFIDAVIT** 

I, Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, do hereby depose and state

that I am the attorney for Defendant, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Petitioner in

the foregoing Notice of Removal, that I have been duly authorized by the Petitioner to execute this

Affidavit, that I am familiar with the facts involved in this matter, and that the allegations set forth

in the foregoing Notice of Removal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information

and belief.

**DATE:** March 25, 2015

# **EXHIBIT** "A"

For Prothonotary Use Only (Docket Number)

Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County Trial Division

#### **Civil Cover Sheet**

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SCOTT R. GALLANT	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	GALLANT & PARLOW P.C. ONE PENN CENTER, SUITE 1270			
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FINAL COPY (Approved by the Prothonotary Clerk)

USTED ESTA ORDENADO COMPARECER EN Arbitration Hearing 1880 JFK Blvd. 5th fl. at 09:15 AM - 11/06/2015

You must still comply with the notice below. USTED TODAVIA DEBE CUJPLIR CON EL AVISO PARA DEFENDERSE. This matter will be heard by a Board of Arbitrators at the time, date and place specified but, if one or more parties is not present

at the hearing, the matter may be heard at the same time and date before a judge of the court without the absent party or parties. There is no right to a trial depoyo on appeal from a decision entered by a Judge.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

KAREN DAVIS

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221 Blunston Avenue Collingdale, PA 19023

NO.

NATIONAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215-2220

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FEBRUARY TERM, 2015

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION

#### NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may

lose money or property or other rights important to you. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

#### **AVISO**

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) días de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notification. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o a

entregar a la corte en forma con un abogado y escrita sus defensas o sus objectiones a las demandas en contra de su personá. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomarà medidas y puede continuar la demandante y la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o

Además, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted. INMEDIATAMENTE. SI NO TIENE ABOGADO O SINO TIENE EL DINERO SUFICIENTE DE PAGAR TAL SERVICO, VAYA EN PERSONA O LLAME POR TELÉFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCIÓN SE ENCUENTRA ESCRITA ABAJÓ PARA AVERIGUAR DONDE SE PUEDE CONSEGUIR ASISTENCIA LEGAL

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IN ARBITRATION

ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES

HEARING REQUIRED

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FEBRUARY TERM, 2015 NO.

v.

NATIONAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

One Nationwide Plaza

Columbus, OH 43215-2220

CIVIL ACTION
(1C. Contracts & Bad Faith)

- 1. Plaintiff, Karen Davis, is an adult individual residing at the address as set forth above.
- 2. Defendant, National Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is a corporation, incorporation, company, limited liability company, or other similar corporate entity duly organized and existing and licensed to issue policies of insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintains its principal place of business at the address set forth above.
  - 3. Defendant regularly conducts business in the City and County of Philadelphia.
- 4. Defendant, in its regular course of business, issued to Plaintiff a policy of insurance, Policy No. 5837HO636901, covering Plaintiff's premises located at 221 Blunston Avenue, Collingdale, PA 19023. Plaintiff is not in possession of the entire policy and it is alleged that said policy is in the possession of Defendant.
  - 5. At all times material hereto, Defendant was acting either individually or through

its duly authorized agents, servants, workmen or employees, who were acting within the course and scope of their employment and on the business of said employer.

- 6. On or about February 15, 2014, while said policy of insurance was in full force and effect, Plaintiff suffered a sudden and accidental direct physical loss due to weight of ice and snow, resulting in damage to the insured premises in those areas and to the extent set forth in the Estimate of Loss of Metro Public Adjustment, Inc., a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, made part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".
- 7. Notice of Plaintiff's covered loss was given to Defendant in a prompt and timely manner and Plaintiff has done and otherwise performed all things required of her under the policy of insurance issued by Defendant, including cooperating with Defendant's investigation; mitigating damages where reasonable, required and/or possible; providing Defendant with all available information and complying with all conditions precedent.
- 8. Defendant, despite demand for benefits under its policy of insurance has failed and refused to pay to Plaintiff those benefits due and owing under said policy of insurance.
- 9. Solely as a result of Defendant's failure and refusal to pay benefits to Plaintiff as required under the aforementioned policy of insurance, as well as the mishandling of Plaintiff's claim, Plaintiff has suffered loss and damage in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

#### **COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 10. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the facts and allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though same were set forth herein at length.
- 11. Defendant has breached its contractual obligations to pay benefits to Plaintiff for a loss covered under Defendant's policy of insurance.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Karen Davis, demands judgment against Defendant, National Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) together with interest and costs.

#### **COUNT II - BAD FAITH**

- 12. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the facts and allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though same were set forth herein at length.
- 13. Defendant has engaged in Bad Faith conduct toward Plaintiff and has treated Plaintiff unreasonably and unfairly with respect to its adjustment of Plaintiff's covered loss, in violation of 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8371.
- 14. In furtherance of its bad faith and wrongful denial and refusal to pay benefits for Plaintiff's covered loss, Defendant, acting by and through its duly authorized agents, servants, workmen or employees, has engaged in the following conduct:
  - (a) in communicating to Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's representative, representing to Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's representatives that her claim was not, in fact, covered under Defendant's policy of insurance when Defendant knew or should have known that such representation was false and misleading.
  - (b) in failing to effectuate a prompt, fair and equitable settlement of Plaintiff's claim when its liability under the policy became reasonably clear;
  - (c) in misrepresenting pertinent facts or policy or contract provisions relating to the coverages at issue;
  - (d) in treating the Plaintiff with reckless indifference and disregard under the circumstances;
    - (e) in not having a reasonable basis for denying Plaintiff's benefits under the

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policy and in knowingly or recklessly disregarding its lack of reasonable basis when it

denied Plaintiff's claim;

in interpreting ambiguous terms, provisions and/or conditions of the (f)

aforementioned policy in its favor and against Plaintiff.

15. Solely as a result of Defendant's bad faith misconduct as aforesaid, Plaintiff has

been required to obtain counsel to commence the present action to recover benefits due and

owing under the policy of insurance issued by Defendant for Plaintiff's covered loss, and has

incurred costs and other expenses in connection with said claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Karen Davis, demands judgment against Defendant, National

Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for punitive damages, counsel fees and costs, together with

interest on Plaintiff's claim, in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

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BY: /s/Scott R. Gallant

SCOTT R. GALLANT, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: February 12, 2015

<u>VERIFICATION</u>

The undersigned, having read the attached document, verifies that the

within document is based on information furnished to counsel, which

information has been gathered by counsel in the course of this lawsuit. The

language of the document is that of counsel and not of signer. Signer

verifies that he/she has read the within document and that it is true and

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extent that the contents of the document are that of counsel, verifier has

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falsification to authorities.

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# EXHIBIT A



3551 Bristol Pike Bensalem, PA 19020

Insured:

Karen Davis

Property:

221 Blunston Avenue

Collingdale, PA 19023

Home: (610) 461-1171

Cellular: (610) 864-3963

E-mail: kdd2pure@verizon.net

Claim Rep.:

Lenard Taborn Jr

E-mail: Ltaborn@metropa.com

Business: (609) 202-2875

Company:

Metro Public Adjustment

Business:

3551 Bristol Pike

Bensalem, PA 19020

Estimator:

Lenard Taborn Jr

Company: Business: Metro Public Adjustment

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Bensalem, PA 19020

Business: (609) 202-2875

E-mail: Ltaborn@metropa.com

Claim Number: 2014020783

Policy Number: 5837HO636901

Type of Loss: Weight of Ice & Snow

Date of Loss: Date inspected: 2/11/2015

2/15/2014

Date Received:

Date Entered:

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Price List:

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Restoration/Service/Remodel

Estimate:

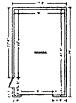
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The following estimate is only an approximation of the damages suffered, or expenses incurred, by the insured. No warranty or representation with regard to the accuracy of the estimate is expressed or implied and none should be inferred. The actual damages suffered, or expenses incurred, could be higher or lower than the estimate, even significantly, depending on variances in a number of factors affecting the estimate and the accuracy of the information and assumptions upon which the estimate is based. The estimate is based upon, among other things: information provided to us by the insured; our own observations; measurements taken by our own representatives, the insured and others engaged by the insured; as well as certain assumptions made by us. Many factors may effect the amount of the estimate where compensation has already been received by the insured for the damage, and with regard to which payment we were not informed; the cost of one contractor varying from another contractor as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the quality of the work, the quality of the materials, or warranties provided by such contractors; damages that were not observed at the time the estimate was rendered because of a luck of accessibility or weather; and all other factors beyond our reasonable control. This estimate has been calculated for informational purposes only, and is based upon our good faith belief as the damages suffered or expenses incurred as a result of the particular loss, and only represents one opinion as to the method of repair, restoration, or replacement. Any reliance on the estimate is at your own risk and you agree to hold Metro Public Adjustment, Inc., its representatives, employees, agents, officers, and principals harmless in the event of such reliance. Copyright 1996 Metro Public Adjustment, Inc.



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#### DAVIS Main Level



Garage Height: 9' 10"

860.42 SF Walls 1,305.39 SF Walls & Ceiling 49.44 SY Flooring 87.50 LF Ceil Perimeter 444.97 SF Ceiling 444.97 SF Floor 87.50 LF Floor Perimeter

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
1. R&R Block - 8" x 8" x 16" - in place	200.00 <b>SF</b>	1.81	5.45	1,452.00
2. Detach & Reset Fluorescent - two tube - 4' - strip light	5.00 EA	0.00	0.00	384.20
3. Paint masonry	860.42 SF	0.00	0.60	516.25
4. R&R Joist - floor or ceiling - 2x8 - w/blocking - 16" oc	444.97 SF	0.72	2.51	1,437.25
5. Demolish/remove detached garage - masonry exterior	444.97 SF	4.96	0.00	2,207.05
6. R&R Steel door frame - 3' opening	1.00 EA	15.03	145.08	160.11
7. R&R Steel door, 3' x 7'	1.00 EA	12.03	202.38	214.41
8. R&R Overhead (garage) door opener	1.00 EA	17.82	356.36	374.18
9. R&R Overhead door & hardware - 10' x 8' - Premium grade	1.00 <b>EA</b>	63.32	1,327.11	1,390.43
10. Rewire - average residence - copper wiring	444.97 SF	0.00	3.37	1,499.55
Totals: Garage				9,635.43
Total: Main Level				9,635.43

#### Secnd Floor



 Room1
 Height: 4' 6"

 405.92 SF Walls
 475.00 SF Ceiling

 880.92 SF Walls & Ceiling
 475.00 SF Floor

 52.78 SY Flooring
 90.20 LF Floor Perimeter

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DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
11. R&R Batt insulation - 4" - R13 - unfaced batt	405.92 SF	0.19	0.61	324.73
12. R&R Stud wall - 2" x 4" x 8' - 16" oc	90.20 LF	1.39	15.47	1,520.77
13. R&R Sheathing - OSB - 1/2"	812.00 SF	0.45	1.16	1,307.32
Interior and exterior walls.				
14. R&R Sheathing - plywood - 1/2" CDX	475.00 SF	0.45	1.95	1,140.00
Floor				
15. R&R Siding - vinyl	405.92 SF	0.34	3,44	1,534.37
16. R&R House wrap (air/moisture barrier)	405.92 SF	0.04	0.26	121.78
17. R&R Aluminum window - jalousie, 3- 11 sf	6.00 EA	18 12	307.33	1,952.70
18. Rewire - average residence - copper wiring	475.00 SF	0.00	3.37	1,600.75
19. R&R Breaker panel - 125 amp	1.00 EA	295.54	622.64	918.18
20. R&R Light fixture	2.00 EA	6.69	56.33	126.04
Totals: Room!				10,546.64

S8.66 Surface Area 0.59 Number of Squares 24.15 Total Perimeter Length

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
21. Remove 3 tab - 25 yr comp. shingle roofing - w/out felt	0.59 SQ	47.75	0.00	28.17
22. 3 tab - 25 yr comp. shingle roofing - w/out felt	0.67 SQ	0.00	183.54	122.97
23. Roofing felt - 30 lb.	0.59 SQ	0.00	30.93	18.25
24. R&R Rafters - 2x4 - 24" OC (3-5/12 Gable, per SF of floor)	72.00 SF	0.58	1.59	156.24
25. R&R loist - 2x6 floor or ceiling system	54.00 BF	0.52	1.85	127.98
Totals: Roof!				453.61

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Total: Seend Floor

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#### Roof



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649.08 Surface Area 103.88 Total Perimeter Length 6.49 Number of Squares31.01 Total Ridge Length

DESCRIPTION **QNTY** REMOVE REPLACE TOTAL 26. R&R Rafters - 2x6 - 16" OC (3-5/12 475.00 SF 0.80 2.53 1,581.75 Gable, per SF of floor) 27. R&R Aluminum rake/gable edge trim -40.00 LF 0.47 4.74 208.40 color finish 28. Asphalt starter - universal starter course 60.00 LF 0.00 1.66 99.60 29. Fascia - metal - 6" 96.00 LF 0.00 4.47 429.12 30. Drip edge/gutter apron 40.00 LF 0.00 1.96 78.40 111.60 31. Drip edge 60.00 LF 0.00 1.86 294.50 32. Tear out and bag wet insulation 475.00 SF 0.62 0.0033. R&R Batt insulation - 6" - R19 -650.00 SF 728.00 0.23 0.89unfaced batt 1,306.50 34. R&R Paneling - Standard grade 650.00 SF 0.24 1.77 Attached to bottom of rafters. 35. 3 tab - 25 yr. - comp. shingle roofing -183.54 1,224.21 6.67 SQ 0.00 w/out felt 36. Ridge cap - composition shingles 31.01 LF 0.00 4.67 144.82 37. Roofing felt - 30 lb. 30.93 200.74 6.49 SQ 0.00 38. R&R Roof vent - turtle type - Metal 1.00 EA 7.21 50.93 58.14 Totals: Roof1 6,465.78

Miscellaneous

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL

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Total: Roof

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#### **CONTINUED - Miscellaneous**

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
39. Dumpster load - Approx. 20 yards, 4 tons of debris	2.00 EA	576.00	0.00	1,152.00
40. General Laborer - per hour	4.00 HR	0.00	34.01	136.04
41. Backhoe loader and operator	4.00 HR	0.00	101.53	406.12
Totals: Miscellaneous				1,694.16
Line Item Totals: DAVIS				28,795.62

#### **Grand Total Areas:**

1,266.34	SF Walls	919.97	SF Ceiling	2,186.31	SF Walls and Ceiling	
919.97	SF Floor	102.22	SY Flooring	177.70	LF Floor Perimeter	
0.00	SF Long Wall	0.00	SF Short Wall	177.70	LF Ceil. Perimeter	
919.97	Floor Area	1,010.60	Total Area	1.266.34	Interior Wall Area	
1,520.54	Exterior Wall Area	185.70	Exterior Perimeter of Walls			
707.74	Surface Area	7.08	Number of Squares	128.04	Total Perimeter Length	
31.01	Total Ridge Length	0.00	Total Hip Length			



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#### **Summary for Dwelling**

Line Item Total			28,795.62
Material Sales Tax	@	6.000%	537.70
Subtotal			29,333.32
Overhead	@	10.0%	2,933.37
Profit	@	10.0%	3,226.71
Replacement Cost Value			\$35,493.40
Net Claim			\$35,493.40

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#### Recap by Room

**Estimate: DAVIS** 

Area: Ma Ga	in Level arage	9,635.43	33.46%
Aı	rea Subtotal: Main Level	9,635.43	33.46%
Area: Sec	nd Floor		
Re	uom1	10,546.64	36.63%
Re	noo	453.61	1.58%
Aı	rea Subtotal: Secnd Floor	11,000.25	38.20%
Area: Roo	of		
Re	pofl	6,465.78	22.45%
Aı	rea Subtotal: Roof	6,465.78	22.45%
M	iscellaneous	1,694.16	5.88%
Subtotal o	of Areas	28,795.62	100.00%
Total		28,795.62	100.00%

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#### **Recap by Category**

O&P Items	Total	%		
GENERAL DEMOLITION			6,607.19	18.62%
DOORS	2,030.93	5.72%		
ELECTRICAL			3,722,94	10.49%
EXCAVATION	406.12	1.14%		
FRAMING & ROUGH CARPENTRY	4,870.31	13.72%		
INSULATION	931.65	2.62%		
LABOR ONLY	136.04	0.38%		
LIGHT FIXTURES	496.86	1.40%		
MASONRY	1,090.00	3.07%		
PANELING & WOOD WALL FINISHES	1,150.50	3.24%		
PAINTING	516.25	1.45%		
ROOFING	3,167.37	8.92%		
SIDING			1,396.36	3.93%
SOFFIT, FASCIA, & GUTTER			429.12	1.21%
WINDOWS - ALUMINUM		1,843.98	5.20%	
O&P Items Subtotal			28,795.62	81.13%
Material Sales Tax	@	6.000%	537.70	1.51%
Overhead	@	10.0%	2,933.37	8.26%
Profit	@	10.0%	3,226.71	9.09%
Total			35,493.40	100.00%

#### Minimum Charges vs. Service Charges

The key distinction between a labor minimum and a service charge is that the minimum charge includes time (labor)needed to actually perform the work while the service charges does not. Service charges, as defined, include only the drive-time and mobilization fees which are applied in many cases regardless of the amount of work being done.

#### General Contractor and Subcontractor Overhead and Profit

When Xactware surveys prices from contractors in the field, the unit prices the contractors provide are intended to be inclusive of costs and fees associated with performing the task, but exclude any general overhead and profit percentage.

While most often what is referred to as overhead and profit (O&P) is general overhead and profit paid to the general contractor, there is an additional category of O&P that is often not mentioned: this is the O&P required by the subcontractor who performs the work.

The unit prices published by Xactware should include the general contractors cost to either perform the work with in-house employees or to hire a subcontractor.

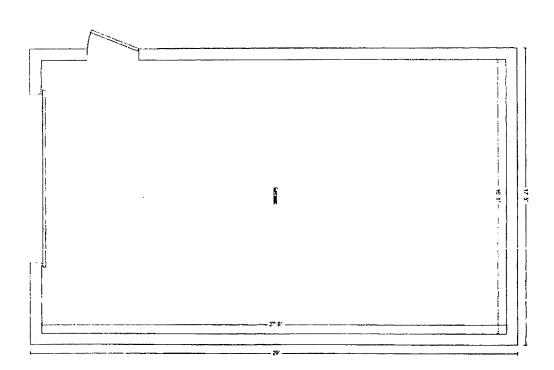
Because subcontractors incur their own overhead and also desire a profit, it can be reasonably assumed that the unit prices published by Xactware include the subcontractors O&P, but do not include the general contractors O&P.

When used, general overhead and profit is most commonly added to the end of the estimate as a percentage of the total job; therefore, the general overhead and profit percentage is not included within the unit prices published by Xactware. Subcontractor's O&P is intended to be included within the unit prices

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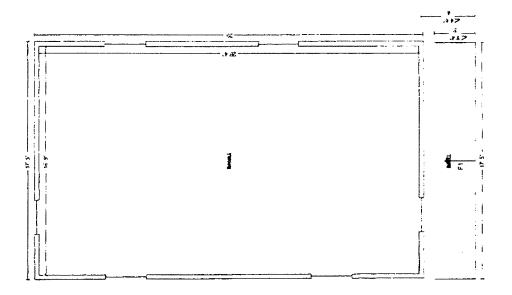
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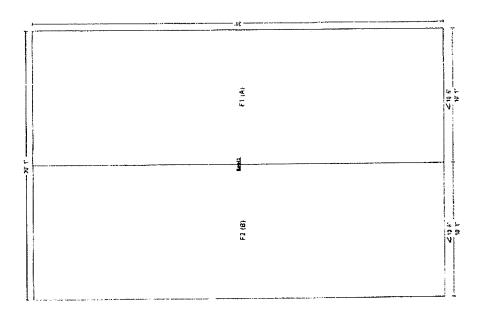


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